

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

September 1, 2009

Dear 5th and 6th Grade Band and Orchestra Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer! As we begin the new school year I would like to remind you that, in order to participate in band and orchestra, your child must be enrolled in private instrument lessons outside of the school day. Private, one on one, instruction is extremely helpful in a young musician's development and is the best way to build solid fundamentals.

In order to make the arrangement of lessons more convenient and affordable the Music Department offers a supplemental instrumental lesson program. On the back of this letter is an overview of this program (including costs) and attached is a registration form. Please review this information carefully and contact me with any questions you may have. If you are interested in participating in this program, you should return the registration form along with payment to Mr. Uglialoro in the Music Office **no later than Wednesday, September 9th**. You may also fill out the registration form online (<http://tinyurl.com/shrewsburymusic>). Lesson slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis so return your registration forms as soon as possible. This will also be a great help as I work to develop a lesson schedule that will begin on Monday, September 14th.

If you choose, you may arrange private lessons for your child on your own. In this case it is important to make sure the instructor has, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in music from a reputable college or university. Instructors should focus on basic musical concepts – most importantly tone production and rhythm/note reading. There are many exceptional instructors in the area who offer lessons to young students. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding finding a private teacher.

One last reminder: If you need to rent an instrument or purchase a lesson book there are several local companies that provide exceptional service: David French Music Co. in Westborough (www.davidfrenchmusic.com), Rayburn Music in Boston (www.rayburnmusic.com) and Robinson Music in Westborough (www.robinsonmusicinc.com). All three of these companies are aware of the items that have been recommended by our teachers.

Thank you for your continued support of our music program in Shrewsbury!

Best Regards,

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Coordinator, Shrewsbury Instrumental Lesson Program

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P.S. WE NEED A WEB SITE FOR OUR PROGRAM!!! If you can help, please contact Mr. Ugliadoro.

Shrewsbury Public Schools Music Department
Supplemental Instrumental Lesson Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **Lessons take place at either Oak Middle School or Sherwood Middle School.**
- Instructors are screened thoroughly by the Music Department and undergo background checks.
- Lessons are organized into two semesters.
- Students will participate in private lessons (one student/one instructor)
- Parents/guardians are responsible for providing transportation to and from lessons.
- Students who have lessons beginning after 3:00 P.M. cannot stay at Oak or Sherwood until their lessons begin, as there will be no supervision available.
- Lessons missed by the instructor will be made up. In the event of a missed lesson the lesson instructor or program coordinator will contact you to reschedule your lesson.
- Lessons missed by the student **will not** be made up.

PROGRAM COSTS

- Private Lessons (30 minutes) are \$24 per lesson.
- Lessons are paid in advance for an entire semester.

- Semester I (14 Weeks) = \$336
- Semester II (14 Weeks) = \$336

LESSON SCHEDULE

SEMESTER I – 14 Lessons (Week of September 14 through week of January 4)

- A detailed schedule will be included with your confirmation letter.
- Registration forms and payment due by Wednesday, September 9th.
- Total cost is \$336.

SEMESTER II – 14 Lessons (Week of February 1 through week of May 17)

- Total cost is \$336.
- Registration dates TBA.

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Registration Form for Semester 1

14 Lessons (September through January)

FILL OUT AND RETURN THE ENTIRE SHEET WITH PAYMENT TO MR. UGLIALORO IN THE MUSIC OFFICE

BY **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.** PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Instrument: _____

Grade/School: _____ Homeroom Teacher/Room #: _____

Preferred Contact and Relationship to Students: _____

Preferred Phone Number and Type (Home, Work, Cell): _____

Preferred Email: _____

Emergency Contact (name, phone, relationship to student): _____

Lesson times for each instrument are listed on the back of this sheet. Please include as many choices as possible.

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

Other Availability (**List all possible times** as our instructor availability may change):

☐ We would like to continue lessons with our instructor from last year - _____

☐ My child participates in the ESC program. Days/times - _____

COST OF LESSONS: \$336 (14 lessons @ \$24)

**PLEASE ATTACH A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$336 PAYABLE TO THE SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AND WRITE "MUSIC LESSON PROGRAM" IN THE MEMO LINE.**

DO NOT SEND CASH.

- We will do our best to honor your request of lesson times.
- If we are unable to find a mutually agreeable lesson time your check will be returned.

- You will receive notification of your lesson time on Friday, September 11th.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____